

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

5 Claims 4-7 and 11-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yi et al. (US 2003/0007459) in view of Meyer et al. (US 2004/0148546).

Response:

10 Independent claims 4 and 11 have been amended to clarify the claimed invention. Claim 4 now specifies the step of “recognizing the reset procedure as ongoing before the sender receives a RESET ACK PDU outputted from the receiver, and controlling the sender to ignore at least a second receiving status report outputted from the receiver when the sender has not received a RESET ACK PDU from the receiver and the reset procedure is ongoing, wherein the second receiving status report is received later than the first receiving status report.” Claim 11 has been amended in a similar manner, and no new matter has been introduced through the amendments to claims 4 and 11.

20 Yi teaches in paragraph 82 that the sender sends a reset instruction to the receiver to reset the RLC layer of the receiver. However, Yi does not teach “controlling the sender to ignore at least a second receiving status report outputted from the receiver when the sender has not received a RESET ACK PDU from the receiver and the reset procedure is ongoing” as is claimed.

25 Meyer teaches a method for ignoring status reports by checking whether a timer called the retransmission prohibit timer RPT1, is running or not. However, Meyer also does not mention ignoring status reports when a RESET ACK PDU has not been received from the receiver. Thus, Yi and Meyer both fail to teach the claimed feature of “controlling the sender to ignore at least a second receiving status report outputted from the receiver when the sender has not received a
30 RESET ACK PDU from the receiver and the reset procedure is ongoing” as is

claimed in both claims 4 and 11.

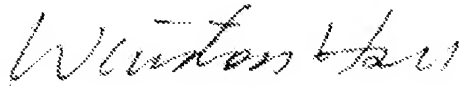
5 Since neither reference discusses or suggests motivation for ignoring a
status report when a RESET ACK PDU has not been received from the receiver
and when the reset procedure is ongoing, the applicant respectfully submits that
the currently amended claims 4 and 11 are patentable over the combination of Yi
and Meyer.

10 In addition, claims 5-7 and 12-14 are dependent on claims 4 and 11, and
should be allowable if claims 4 and 11 are allowable. Reconsideration of claims
4-7 and 11-14 is therefore respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in
this case.

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Sincerely yours,



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